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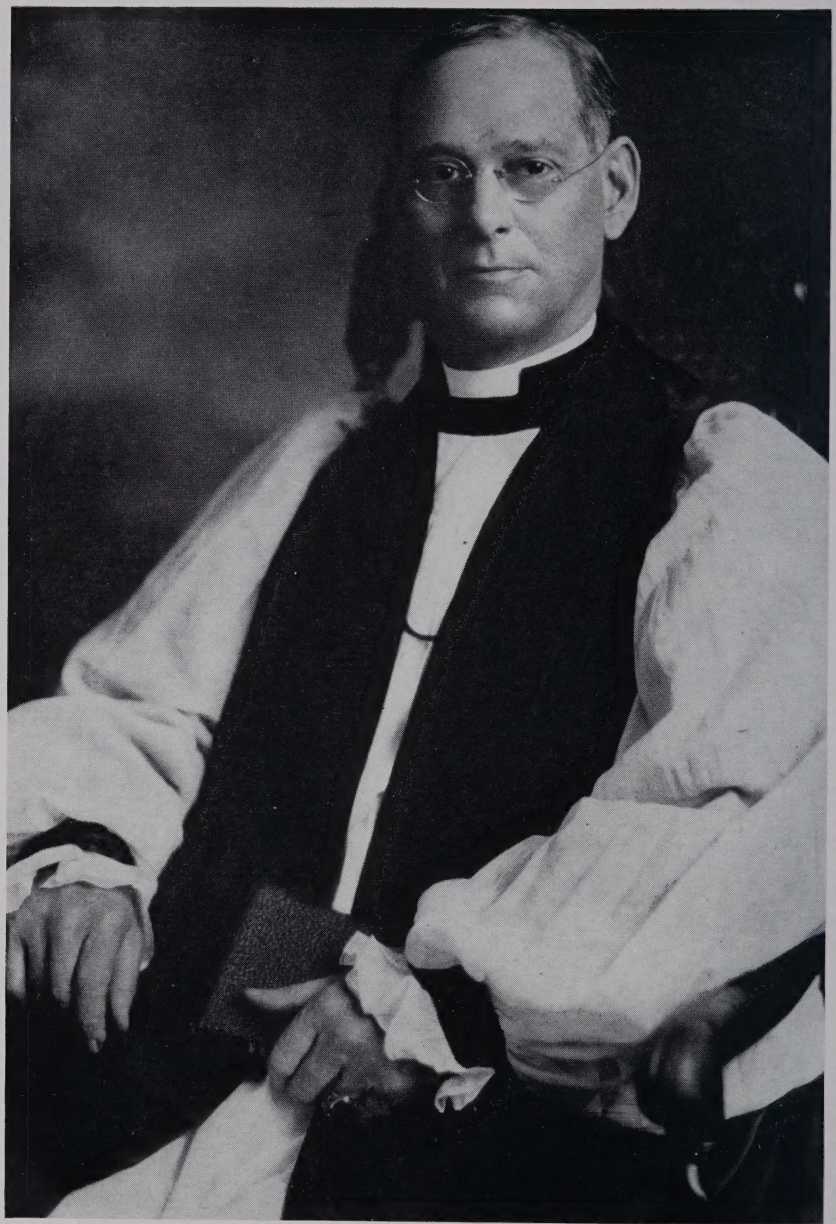


Rt. Rev. Robert Carter Jett
First Bishop of Southwestern Virginia

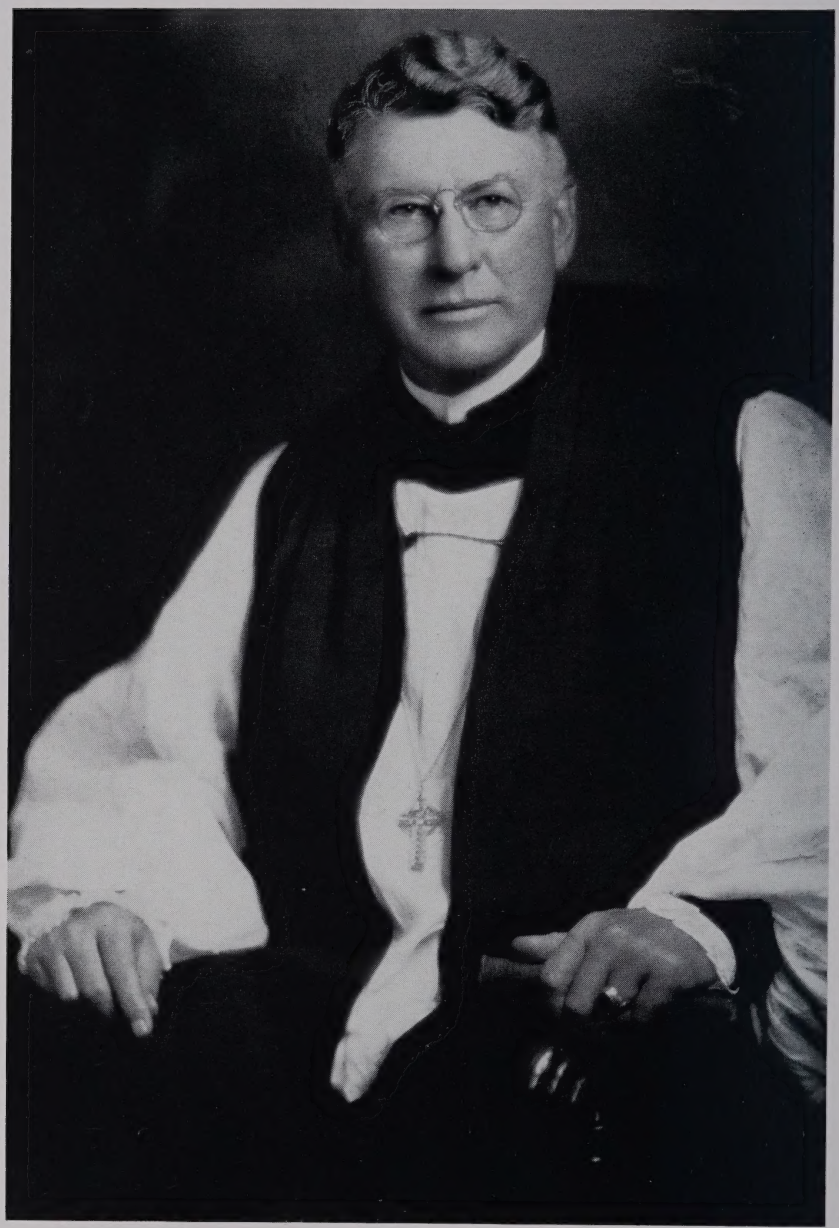
Having known Christ Church from its beginning, and having loved its rectors and its people throughout my happy episcopate of more than eighteen years, I gladly accept an invitation to say a word on the occasion of its commemorative observance.

As I stand with its devoted people upon the peak of its fiftieth anniversary and review the church's inspiring progress, and its fervent activities in the name of Christ our King, I proudly share their jubilation, and acclaim their high accomplishments, local diocesan and world-wide.

And, now, beloved Christ Church, since you have wrought so nobly, fought so bravely, enriched so bountifully and inspired so largely, I bid you, as you look to a brightening future, kindle afresh your Divine torch, and onward bear its light with increasing radiance, until it shall find its effulgence in the glory of a redeemed world at rest with the saints in the love and majesty of God.

Affectionately,

Robert C. Jett



Rt. Rev. Henry Disbrow Phillips, D. D.
Second Bishop of Southwestern Virginia

The Fiftieth Birthday of Christ Church, Roanoke, can be celebrated with a just sense of pride and thanksgiving. From a small beginning the Parish has grown through the years to be an outstanding force in the community and in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

It is a source of pride to recall the fine leadership of the Rectors who have served this Parish and the company of outstanding Churchmen and Churchwomen who have rendered signal service in the Parish and in the Diocese. The present Rector, leading a host of men, women and young people, is setting a splendid standard for our diocesan family life.

With congratulations to the members of Christ Church, and with grateful appreciation of their loyal support.

Very faithfully yours,

HENRY D. PHILLIPS.

Rev. J. F. W. Feild
Present Rector, since 1932

Dear Fellow Members of Christ Church:

"Hitherto hath the Lord led us"

The way at times may have been hard but, as always when the cross is taken up, it has resulted in the splendid thing that Christ Church is today.

How God has laboured to bring it forth! How he must love it! What dreams he must have for it! What responsibility is entrusted to members of it! What a privilege to be a part of it! What loyalty this fifty-year-old child of God demands for it!

So, with profound gratitude for the yesterdays, and unbounded hope for the tomorrows, let us face the future bright with all the possibilities of God, with the battle cry, "Lord Almighty my God, Jesus, the Christ my Savior, Christ Church, my Church."

Affectionately,

Your Rector

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1892-1942

The official organization of Christ Episcopal Church was affected on June 4, 1892, but records indicate that it was some time in the early part of 1891 when a small number of members of St. John's Church, who became the nucleus of Christ Church, had their first meeting in the Railroad Y. M. C. A., situated on Salem Avenue between Henry and Commerce Streets. The record of those attending this meeting is incomplete, but it is interesting to know that from among those present a few have survived the call to eternity and are still members of our Church.

This meeting followed a decision by the parishioners of St. John's Church, who used the little Gothic brick church on Commerce Street and Church Avenue, to build a new church with a larger seating capacity. Members living in the Southwest section of the city decided to organize a church which would take care of the membership in that part of the city.

In May, 1891, a Ladies' Aid Society was organized by the following ladies, who met in the Y. M. C. A. rooms over a jewelry store on Salem Avenue: Mrs. T. F. Barksdale, Mrs. A. S. Hughes, Mrs. M. A. Hambric, Mrs. J. A. Rhodes, Mrs. W. D. Stuart, Mrs. Electra Smith, Mrs. R. G. Johnston and Miss Lizzie McClanahan.

Miss McClanahan was elected as President and held this office until she died in 1898. Mrs. R. G. Johnston was the first secretary and treasurer. These ladies were enthusiastic in the work undertaken. New members were added at every meeting, increasing the number who laid the foundation for the formation of Christ Church. It

should be recognized that the women did not have a monopoly in the formation of the new church; the records show that men joined the women in the spade work.

After such successful beginning, this body petitioned the Bishop of the Diocese in February, 1892, for permission to form a new church. Mr. C. K. Schwarz and Mr. W. M. Stuart attended the Diocesan Council in May of that year, at which time the petition was granted.

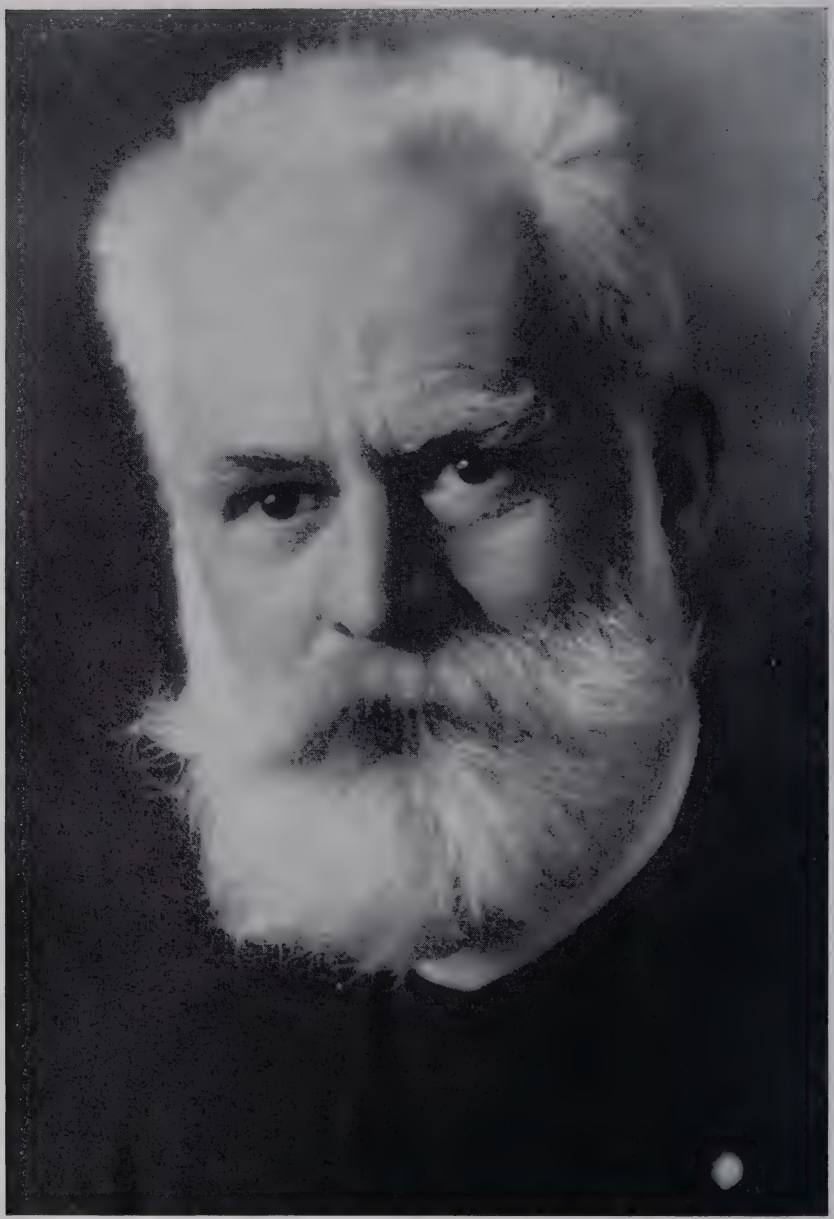
Following consent by the Bishop, the church was formally organized at a meeting on June 4, 1892, with the election of the following vestrymen:

R. M. Wood ..... Senior Warden
James C. Page ..... Junior Warden
J. T. Smoot ..... Treasurer
C. K. Schwarz ..... Secretary
W. M. Stuart, Jr. .....
A. S. Hughes .....
Mac H. Booth .....

The first service of Christ Church was held in a room on Salem Avenue on June 5, 1892. The Reverend Perry Ungent gave his services for the months of June and July of that year.

In August, 1892, a call was extended to the Reverend J. Cleveland Hall, who accepted and took charge at once.

That the members of the newly formed church had growing pains is evidenced by the fact that they took immediate steps to secure new quarters and build a church commensurate with their financial condition. A lot was secured on Campbell Avenue, across from the old Calvary Baptist Church. The purchase price for this lot had been fixed at $3,750.00. It cannot be denied that the assumption of such a debt for a lot (at the then current financing) was a courageous undertaking. But the enthusiasm of the little band was equal to the under-



Rev. Johnson Cleveland Hall
1892-1894

taking, inasmuch as enough money was raised at the meeting to make the first and second payments on the mortgage.

Under the guidance of the Reverend C. Hall, a church was built on this lot and the first services were held in this church on November 27, 1892.

But hard times seemed to be ahead for this small, but enthusiastic, congregation. The real estate depreciation which hit Roanoke in the early nineties had its effect on the members of this church. Many families found it difficult to provide even necessities for their families. The members of the church found themselves unable to pay the interest on the mortgage, with the result that in 1893, sad to relate, the church property was sold by orders of the sheriff. However, it should be emphasized that the new owners graciously permitted the use of the church to the congregation.

Under these adverse conditions the little and courageous band continued in their struggle to serve God.

During this period the Reverend Cleveland Hall (Eastertime, 1894), received, and accepted a call to Epiphany Church, Danville, Virginia.

It is not clear what actually transpired during the period of the Reverend Hall's departure for his new duties and June, 1895, when the Bishop of the Diocese requested the Reverend Frank Stringfellow and Reverend William A. Barr to hold a series of services at Christ Church. It is recorded that the Reverend Frank Stringfellow, on June 17th, preached a stirring sermon to the congregation, using as his text God's command to Moses: "For God had said unto Moses, 'Speak to the Children of Israel that they go forward'."

Strong enthusiasm was aroused in the hearts of the congregation, instilling into them the determination to

Rev. Robert William Patton
1895-1901

repurchase the church property and call another rector. It was at this time that Miss Lizzie McClanahan came to the rescue and endorsed the note for the repurchase.

In August, 1895, a call was extended to the Reverend Robert W. Patton, which he accepted. His courageous and inspirational leadership must have fired the congregation into combined action, with the result that the entire debt of the church was paid off in four years (August, 1899).

For the purpose of securing additional funds to assist in the liquidation of this debt, series of lectures and recitals were organized and held at the Academy of Music. Outstanding lectures provided interesting and educational programs.

It is noted that, among others, General J. B. Gordon, lectured several times on the happenings during the Civil War, including in his program his experiences in the Battle of Gettysburg and his impressions on General R. E. Lee; Captain Stringfellow entertained his audience with anecdotes from his active service during the Civil War.

The Reverend Robert W. Patton officiated at Christ Church until the early part of March, 1901, and was succeeded by the Reverend James F. Plummer, who took charge on March 1, 1901.

By this time the congregation had outgrown the accommodation of the church on Campbell Avenue and it was decided to look for larger quarters. The decision by Trinity Methodist Church, who occupied the old St. John's Church on Commerce Street, to build a new church inspired the congregation to purchase their former home. Alas, at the auction of this church they were outbid by the Roanoke City School Board.

However, the congregation, under the splendid lead-

Christ Episcopal Church
Commerce Street and Church Avenue
1901-1918

Rev. James Fitts Plummer
1901-1903

Rev. Archer Boogher
1903-1913

ership of the Reverend James F. Plummer, was not outdone; the members became more persistent and determined to obtain this church building, and strongly believed that they must have this church. In their negotiations with the School Board, they were successful in obtaining the property for the same amount the School Board had paid.

In November, 1901, the Little Church, as it was known, was sold and the congregation prepared to move and hold services once more in the old Gothic church building from which they had separated approximately ten years previously. While some necessary changes and repairs were made the congregation met for a short period in an old frame building on Kirk Avenue, back of the American Theater.

According to the statement of one of our present members of the Church—

> "The move into the new Church was heralded with much happiness and certificates were issued with pictures of the church upon them and a seal and signature of the Building Committee, Senior Warden, etc. These certificates were a very excellent thing and ran in denominations ranging from $5.00, or even less, to $500.00; every member being solicited and having a part."

In 1903 the Reverend James F. Plummer left as rector of the church and was succeeded by the Reverend Archer Boogher. Much progress was made during his time of ministration. He occupied a house, as a rectory, on Church Avenue, S. W., immediately back of the church which property is now part of the park fronting the Federal Building. He was rector for nearly ten years and preached his last sermon on Easter Day, 1913.

After the resignation of the Reverend Mr. Boogher,

Rev. George Otis Mead
1913-1928

because of his health, a call was extended to the Reverend George Otis Mead, who came to us on April 13, 1913.

In the course of the next few years it became evident that the seating capacity of the church had become inadequate and, in order to provide accommodations for its membership, additional quarters had to be acquired; these were found in the Y. M. C. A. across from the church, and were used for the meeting of the Sunday School. Even these additional quarters proved to be inadequate due to the growth of the church. Something had to be done, and in January, 1914, the congregation decided to either enlarge their present church, buy another church or build a new church. The three different angles were carefully considered and it was finally decided to sell the property and build a new church. Twelve ladies and the vestry were appointed to serve as a committee to choose a suitable site. Due to the growth in membership residing in the Southwest section, it was finally decided to build a church somewhere in this locality; they selected for purchase the property on 1101 Franklin Road and Washington Avenue and, on acquiring the property the residence thereon was finally moved to the rear of the lot and was converted into a rectory.

After much study, plans were approved and accepted by the committee in September, 1914. Due to the then prevailing conditions, occasioned by the outbreak of World War building operations of the church were delayed until 1917, when the contract was awarded to E. M. Herrington and Company, Roanoke. The ground was broken for the new church February 26, 1917, when appropriate services were held on the lot. The cornerstone was laid July 29, 1917.

On September 19, 1917, the last services were held in the old church on Commerce Street, when the congregation moved into the new parish house, the new church auditorium not being ready for services.

The first service in the new church was held Easter Sunday, 1918.

It was appropriate that a large class (32) should be confirmed at this service, the Right Reverend Beverley D. Tucker, D. D., Bishop of Southern Virginia officiating.

That the congregation of Christ Church had spared no effort to have a church worthy in the service of God is evidenced by Bishop Tucker's entry in his diary for the date of March 1, 1918, which reads as follows:

> "Christ Church, Roanoke. Confirmed 32. Services were held in this beautiful church for the first time. It is built of stone and on true architectural lines and everything is congruous in its furnishings. It stands as an emblem of faith and loyalty to Christ, because, in troublous times, minister and people did their best and spared not in their desire to present to God a house more fitting for His service. May He abundantly bless them."

A considerable debt had been created in the building of the church and parish house but it was faced unflinchingly, with the desire to liquidate this debt as soon as possible. This was accomplished in the summer of 1928, just a little over ten years from the date of its first service. This, indeed, is a wonderful tribute to the members of Christ Church.

Due to the continued growth of the Episcopal Church in the Southwest area of Virginia, it was felt that the duties of the Diocese of Southern Virginia should be divided by the establishment of a new Diocese in this section of the state. The Reverend George Otis Mead shared in the leadership in calling together at Hotel Roanoke six clergymen and twelve laymen, out of which meeting eventually emanated the Spirit, the Data and

the Petition, which resulted in the formation of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

The separation and the establishment of a new Diocese was authorized by the Council of the Southern Diocese of Virginia, in session held at Trinity Church, South Boston, Virginia, May 27-28, 1919.

A resolution, praying for the assent for the creation of a new Diocese, was presented to the General Convention in session at Detroit, Michigan, October 8-24, 1919. Assent to the prayer was given at this session.

Consequent to the approval given at the General Convention, the official body of the Episcopal Church in the Southwestern section of the state organized a several day meeting, which was held in Roanoke, for the purpose of electing a Bishop to take charge of the Diocese.

The Reverend Robert C. Jett was unanimously elected at this meeting and was consecrated in Trinity Church, Staunton, Virginia, Bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, on March 24, 1920.

On Sunday, August 5, 1928, Christ Church was consecrated by the Right Reverend Robert C. Jett, Bishop of the Diocese. Those taking part in the services were: The Reverend George Otis Mead, Rector; his son, the Reverend Lynne B. Mead; the Reverend John G. Gravatt, Jr.; the Reverend Alfred C. Bussingham; the Reverend H. H. Young and the Right Reverend Beverley D. Tucker, Bishop of Southern Virginia.

It is of interest that the Reverend Lynne B. Mead, son of Reverend Otis Mead, was ordained Deacon by Bishop Jett at the Theological Seminary (Alexandria) on June 5, 1925, and ordained Priest, in the presence of several of the Diocesan clergy, by Bishop Jett in Christ Church, Roanoke, on Tuesday, July 13, 1926. The candidate was presented by his father, Reverend G. Otis Mead.

Due to the untiring efforts and outstanding leader-

Rev. Taylor Willis
1928-1932

ship of the Reverend George Otis Mead, Christ Church made its greatest progress. He not only ministered to the people of Christ Church, he became actively engaged in civic work. He definitely identified himself with the work at the Boys Home, Covington, Virginia. He ministered unfailingly to the general church, to the Diocese and to the members of his congregation.

Ill health overtook him; he resigned from the pastorate of Christ Church in 1928. He had been in charge from 1913 and during this time he created a monument for himself ever to be remembered in the hearts of his flock.

In midsummer of 1928 a call was extended to Reverend Taylor Willis, who was then Assistant Rector of St. Chrysostom's Church, Chicago, who accepted the call and took charge of the work in Christ Church. After four years of service the Reverend T. Willis accepted a call from St. Luke's Church, Norfolk, Virginia. Following the resignation of Reverend Taylor Willis, Reverend J. H. Griffith supplied the church and attended to the spiritual needs of the congregation. Our present rector, Reverend John F. W. Feild, accepted a call from Christ Church in 1933; he was then in charge as Rector of Zion Church, Charles-Town, W. Va.

During his ministration a considerable increase in membership has been effected. The attendance at Sunday School increased yearly. Quarters for the Sunday School were found inadequate and use had to be made for adult members of certain space in the rectory.

The vestry approved in 1933 the purchase of a home to be used as a rectory and thereafter utilized the old rectory for Sunday School classes and a rector's study and offices. The present rectory is located on King George Avenue, S. W.

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ALMS BASIN—In Sunday School—Given by J. R. Price and G. A. Price in memory of their mother, Ella G. Price.

WHEEL CHAIR—Presented to the church for the use of the sick in memory of Mrs. Flora E. Woods by the Daughters of the King.

LECTERN—Given by Mrs. F. P. Whiting in memory of her family.

PROCESSIONAL CROSS—Given by Mrs. John T. Trout in memory of her husband, J. T. Trout—Easter, 1926.

MURAL—Given by the Christ Church Service League in memory of "All Thy Saints who From Their Labors Rest—Alleluia"—Palm Sunday, 1928.

Seven-Branched Candlesticks, Four Vases and Altar Cross—Given by Mr. A. C. Needles in appreciation of the fine work done in the city by the Reverend George Otis Mead, 1928.

Baptismal Font and Ewer—In memory of Adelaide Sarling and Phillip F. Sarling, given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown Wilson, 1930.

Alms Receiving Basin—In memory of the Reverend George Otis Mead, given by his wife, Lillie Jennings Mead, 1930.

Sanctuary Lights—In memory of James Haller Gibboney, given by his family, October, 1933.

Litany Desk—Presented to the church by the Otis Mead Book Loft, Mrs. Martin P. Burks, Jr., Chairman, February, 1933.

Silver Bread Box—In memory of Laura Parkinson Akers, given by her son, 1935.

Baptismal Shell—In memory of Sallie Campbell Jones Chapter of the Daughters of the King, April 12, 1936.

Hospital Bed—Presented to the church for the use of the sick, in memory of Mrs. Bessie Derr, by her family, 1937.

Junior Processional Cross—In memory of Robert Walter Jones, Jr., given by his family, January, 1938.

Vox Humana (addition to church organ)—Given by the family of H. C. Neren in memory of their daughters, Margaretha Neren and Johanna Neren Bracalello, December, 1938.

Chimes (addition to church organ)—In memory of J. Waties Gregg, given by his wife and children, December, 1938.

Candle Lighter—In memory of Sara C. W. Johnston, given by her son, 1938.

The Vestry, at its meeting on April 1, 1941, unanimously approved a resolution: "Be and is hereby presented to Christ Episcopal Church, Roanoke, Virginia, Diocese of Southwestern Virginia."

ALTAR—Memorial to the Reverend George Otis Mead, given through efforts of the Women's Auxiliary Committee by general subscription.

RETABLE—Memorial to Charles Edwin Michael, given by Mrs. Flora G. Michael.

Reredos—Memorial to Edgar Miller Funkhouser, given by Mrs. Lida M. Funkhouser.

Marble Pilaster, Tree of Wisdom—Memorial to Sylvester K. Bitterman, given by Mrs. Sarah Ann Bitterman.

Marble Pilaster, Tree of Life—Memorial to Etta May Haberer.

Eucharistic Lights—Memorial to the Reverend Lynne Burgoyne Mead, given by Miss Mary R. Mead.

Office Lights (two)—Memorial to George Edward Lemmon and George Thomas Lemmon, given by Mrs. Mary Lemmon Lukens.

Office Light (one)—Memorial to George Tate Greer, given by Bible Class.

Office Lights (two)—Given by Mrs. Myrtle Bitterman Scholz.

Office Light (one)—Given by Altar Chapter of 1940, Women's Auxiliary.

Riddle Curtains—Given by Mrs. Lida Funkhouser.

Canopy of The Holy Trinity—Given by Mrs. Lida Funkhouser.

Altar Hangings—Given by Altar Chapter, 1939-1940.

During the regular Sunday service on April 20, 1941, the Right Reverend Robert C. Jett, D. D., former Bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, in the presence of a large congregation, dedicated the above memorials to the Service of God and the Church.

ORGANIZATIONS

Sunday School

Immediately following the decision to form a new church, a Sunday School was organized. Unfortunately there are no records available to indicate the organizing personnel.

Today's results indicate that a sound foundation was built. A large number of the members of Christ Church have given valiant service to this organization; they have persevered during hard times and prosperous times with one object in view, i. e., laying the foundation stone within the hearts of our young people preparing them towards a Christian life and service to God.

The Sunday School at present is served by:

Mr. M. A. Smythe.....Superintendent
Mr. Henry S. Jones.....Supply Secretary
Miss Charlotte Michael...Recording Secretary
Mr. Van R. Shelton.....Treasurer

and approximately 25 teachers serving in the various departments.

Young People's League

This league was organized in February, 1920. Since its inception by William Robertson, son of the late Judge and Mrs. William Gordon Robertson, this body has made a definite contribution toward exemplifying the need for work among young people in our church.

It is of interest to note that under the leadership of women of this church devoted to this work, a deeper sense of service among our young people has been developed.

Several of the women of this church have rendered valuable services by giving unselfishly of their time.

Mrs. Feild, the wife of our rector, took charge of this work in 1936 and commendable progress is being made and is now under the direction of:

Robert Feild.....President
Manetta Fishwick.....Vice President
Lucy Lukens.....Secretary
Tate Greer.....Treasurer

with Mrs. J. F. W. Feild and Sybil Marshall, Counselors.

Women's Auxiliary

Pages of the valuable work rendered by this body of women to the welfare of this church could be written. Space does not permit to enumerate in detail the work accomplished. Inasmuch as this booklet is of the "history" of our church, and the accomplished work of this body is so well known to the membership; let it

suffice to say that there is no work carried on by this organization which can be excelled by the various organizations within the church.

The "auxiliary" at present is in charge of:

Mrs. William C. Lukens.....President
Mrs. B. E. Crumpler.....Secretary
Miss Margaret Bitterman.....Treasurer

The Choir

Unfortunately no conclusive records are available of when the Senior Choir was organized; however, it is definitely stated that the vested choir made its initial appearance in Christ Church as a "Junior" or "Children's Choir," which for a time supplemented the Senior Choir. It was trained under the supervision of the rector, Reverend James Plummer and Miss Virginia Shields, (Mrs. C. W. Saunders), meeting for practice at Miss Shield's home with Mr. Plummer in attendance.

A member of the church, who became identified with the Senior Choir in 1904 states: "We did not have a Vested Choir in those days, nor a pipe organ. Our little reed organ was pumped by hand, some of the larger boys in the Sunday School performing this duty. Miss Martha Michael, a sister of Mr. C. Edwin Michael, was organist and Miss Jennie Shields (Mrs. C. W. Sanders) our director."

It was not until the early part of 1909 that the Vested Senior Choir was organized. Records available show that the choir was composed of the following:

Eugenia Mitchell (Mrs. Louis Keen)
Blanche Mitchell (Mrs. Fred W. Fisher)
Mary Cook (Mrs. Edgar Kendig)

Marguerite Shull
Hannah Cook (Mrs. Jack Horton)
Edna Clingenpeel (Mrs. Edward Hatcher)
Gladys Davies (Mrs. Robert Hughes)
Hazel Thomas (Mrs. Harry Kessler)
Esther Coulbourne (Mrs. Herbert Davies)
Miss Martha Michael
Gordon King
Harry Shull
French Henley
Charles B. Malcolm
William Funk
Gordon H. Baker, Director

It is of interest to note that Mrs. I. A. Gibbs was chosen as choir-mother in that year and continued in the performance of this important duty until she left the city.

During the summer of 1911 a small pipe organ was installed in the church, which today is still being used in our present Sunday School auditorium.

In 1912, Miss Blanche Deal, who had been singing in the alto section of the choir, was chosen to the position of organist which duty she has performed ever since that time.

After an absence of two years Mr. Gordon H. Baker returned to Christ Church choir and resumed his duty as director. Under his leadership, the choir made consistent progress and drew members of other churches in its group. Mr. Baker continued in its directorship until October 31, 1940, when he tendered his resignation.

Men's Club—Laymen's League

The Men's Club of Christ Church was organized during early 20's under the leadership of the Reverend George Otis Mead.

In order to instill a definite interest among the laymen in the affairs of the church, the Men's Club was organized. This Club has functioned since its inception; having supper meetings once a month, when affairs of the church are discussed and definite work allotted to its members. The outstanding work performed by the members of this Club is taking charge of the annual every-member canvass.

In order to broaden the work among the laymen of the Diocese a definite move was made, led by Bishop Jett, to organize a Laymen's League in the Diocese. The Men's Club of Christ Church fully approved the innovation of such a league and the Laymen's League came into being, led by the present officers:

Mr. Ray Hill.....President
Mr. Perry Burke.....Secretary
Mr. William Murray.....Treasurer

Acolyte Guild

This organization, under the direction of the rector, was formed for the purpose of training young boys to serve on the altar during the church services.

Junior Altar Guild

This organization, directed by Mrs. Henry Scholz, was formed for the purpose of training young girls in the preparation of the altar for the various services.

Vestry for 1942

Dr. H. H. Trout	Senior Warden	Nelson Dickinson
Dr. O. B. Grove	Junior Warden	H. H. Michael
Harold Freed	Registrar	Wm. Mounfield
M. A. Smythe	Treasurer	W. P. Hunter
James Breakell		O. W. Lockett
F. F. Heller		Dr. John P. Grove
W. O. Smith		H. C. Neren
J. W. Ridout		C. S. Reid
J. C. Tyler		J. N. Tapley
J. Fred Hoefer		George F. Hughes
George M. Dickinson		Van R. Shelton
C. E. Showalter		John Ewart

It is possible that while the dates mentioned may not be exact, they are approximately correct.

It should be recognized that the foregone gives only a scant history of the church but, due to the lack of recorded information, much had to be left out. Nearly all of the material used in this booklet had to be obtained from the present membership.

The collaborator thanks all who so kindly provided some of the material to compile this booklet. It speaks well of them for retaining in their memories the early struggles in the building up of Christ Church. It was only through their determination to succeed in building up the church in the service of God that Christ Church, today, occupies a position second to none in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

Senior Wardens

1893-1894 ..... B. A. Rives
1895 ..... E. H. Wolff
1896-1897 ..... W. D. Stuart
1898 to 1902 ..... H. S. Jones
1903 to 1938 ..... C. Edwin Michael
1939 to 1941 ..... H. H. Trout

Junior Wardens

1893-1894 ..... Lynn Brugh
1895 ..... W. D. Stuart
1896 ..... E. J. Reed
1897 ..... G. Lamkin
1898 to 1900 ..... E. J. Reed
1901 ..... G. Tate Greer
1902 ..... Henry Smith
1903 to 1932 ..... D. W. Reed
1933 to 1936 ..... H. H. Trout
1937 ..... E. T. P. Easley
1938 ..... H. H. Trout
1939 ..... H. H. Michael
1940-1941 ..... M. A. Smythe

Registrars

1893 to 1897	No Record
1898-1899	C. W. Sanders
1900 to 1904	J. William Boyd
1905 to 1913	G. Tate Greer
1914 to 1934	M. A. Smythe
1935-1936	J. W. Gregg
1937 to 1939	H. S. Jones
1940-1941	H. T. Freed

Treasurers

1893-1894	H. S. Hughes
1895	W. H. Saunders
1896-1897	E. H. Wolff
1898-1899	G. Lamkin
1900 to 1927	C. W. Sanders
1928 to 1934	G. T. Greer
1935 to 1942	M. A. Smythe